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for the other 3,500 inmates that we are continuing to have because there's going to be continual admissions into the department too.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Members of the body, I quite agree with the statement that Senator Pedersen made which is that we have to reach out and do some things that perhaps on first blush are not the usual course of action. If we have 1,044 parole eligible nonviolent offenders, and I don't know what the tentative release date spread would be on that, if they are nonviolent and they have already been entered into the institution and have some experience with it and maybe even developed a desire not to be there, I think this is a worthwhile trial. And I don't know what the period of time would be that it would take to release these people because you're not going to open the doors and they all leave tomorrow morning. So there would have to be some recognition of that. But all in all, I think this is something that we should...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: ...and I don't want to use the word "take a chance on," I think that this is something, a worthwhile experiment, that we should at least go forward on and see if there is a savings there. The recidivism rate nationally versus the recidivism rate in Nebraska indicates we could go to those people who have a tentative release date of less than two years which is 2,452 people. I urge your support for the Pedersen amendment and I will vote for it myself. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to have a little dialogue with Senator Pedersen, if he would, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Dwite Pedersen, would you respond?

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator.